

CITY OF MESA
HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)
Disabilities Action Team Sub-Committee (DAT)
December 16, 2014 Minutes

The Disabilities Action Team of the City of Mesa met on December 16th, 2014,
at 6:00pm at the Mesa City Plaza, 20 E. Main St. Ste. 170.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Cheryl Anderson, Chair
Karen Frias-Long
Denise Heap
Mark Tompert
Lu Ann Schmidt

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT
Ruth Giese

GUESTS

1. Call to Order.

Ms. Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. Items from citizens present.

There were no citizens who requested to speak to DAT.

3. Approval of minutes from the November 18th, 2014 DAT meeting.

Mr. Tompert made a motion to approve the November 18th, 2014 DAT meeting minutes, Ms. Heap seconded the motion. The motion moved unanimously.

4. Hear, discuss and take action on planning for town hall meetings to educate the community, business, and leadership on mental health and substance abuse issues.

The team discussed preparations for the March 24th, 2015 conference. Ms. Anderson advised that representatives from Mercy Maricopa Integrated Care are willing to partner with them on the Town Hall meetings to educate the community on mental health and substance abuse issues. Ms. Frias-Long confirmed that she will be able to provide a panelist to discuss how these issues affect youth. The conference will be held at March 24th, 2015 at Marc Community Resources, Inc. DAT members agreed to create an Eventbrite listing and prepare a press release. Ruth Giese will assist with sending out the press release and putting the event on the city's calendar and social media. Ms. Anderson stated that she will work on more details to provide an update at the next meeting.

5. Hear and discuss the need for and feasibility of creating a Psychiatric Recovery Center in the East Valley.

Ms. Anderson stated that a representative from Marc Community Resources, Inc. has confirmed to present on the matter at the board meeting in January.

6. Scheduling of meetings, future agenda items, and general information.

- Next DAT meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20th, 2015 at 6:00pm.
- Future Agenda Items:
 - Receive periodic update from the Mesa City Court protocol for diverting defendants who have mental health issues, veterans, and/or are homeless. (Tentative for January)

7. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38pm.

Submitted By:



Ruth Giese,
Diversity Program Administrator